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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF ICELAND'S NATIONAL ELECTION JUNE 30

1. WITH ONLY A FEW VOTES YET TO COUNT, IT APPEARS THE ELECTION WAS A 30-30 LEFT/RIGHT STALEMATE AS PREDICTED BY ALL FORECASTERS. ALSO AS PREDICTED BOTH THE CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENCE PARTY (IP) AND THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE (PA) GAINED IN POPULAR VOTE AND NUMBER OF SEATS. UNPREDICTED WAS THE GOOD SHOWING OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PP), WHICH MAINTAINED THE SAME NUMBER OF SEATS AS BEFORE. TOTAL VOTER TURN-OUT WAS OVER 90 PERCENT. ON THE BASIS OF UNOFFICIAL RETURNS, THE BREAKDOWN BY POLITICAL PARTIES, SHOWING COMPARISON WITH 1971 ELECTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

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1974 1971

PERCENT		PERCENT	
POPULAR	NUMBER	POPULAR	NUMBER
VOTE	OF SEATS	VOTE	OF SEATS

INDEPENDENCE PARTY	42.8	25	36.2	22
PROGRESSIVE PARTY	24.7	17	25.3	17
PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE	18.3	11	17.1	10
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS	9.1	5	10.5	6
OLL	4.7	2	8.9	5
OTHER	0.4	0	2.0	0

2. IN THE CITY OF REYKJAVIK THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

1974		1971	
PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER
POPULAR	OF SEATS	POPULAR	OF SEATS
VOTE	VOTE	VOTE	VOTE

IP	50.1	7	42.6	6
PP	16.7	2	15.2	2
PA	20.5	2	20.0	2
SDP	8.5	1	10.1	1
OLL	3.4	0	9.1	1

3. PROCEDURE IS FOR PRIME MINISTER OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN TO SUBMIT HIS GOVT'S RESIGNATION TODAY OR TOMORROW AND BE ASKED BY PRESIDENT TO SIT AS A CARETAKER GOVT. PRESIDENT WILL THEN CALL ALL PARTY LEADERS TOGETHER AND ASK WHO COULD FORM NEXT GOVT. OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN AND GEIR HALLGRIMSSON (CHAIRMAN OF IP) COULD BOTH ASK TO TRY, BUT FIRST NOD WILL BE GIVEN TO HALLGRIMSSON AS LEADER OF PARTY WHICH WON MOST SEATS.

4. ANALYSIS OF ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.
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